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TAGS: MILI, VS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT STOPS MRIV CG'S TRANSFER OF 8TH DIVISION CG

1. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER NEIL SHEEHAN TOLD A VICE
CONSUL JULY 1 IN SAIGON THAT HE HAD BEEN WITH 9TH ARVN
DIVISION COMMANDER MGEN TRAN BA SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE DI
WHEN DE LEARNED HE WOULD REMAIN WITH THE 9TH. WE HAVE
HEARD REPORTS SINCE APRIL THAT DI WOULD BE MOVED TO CAN
THO AS MRIV DEPUTY CG.

2. SHEEHAN SAID HE WAS INTERVIEWING MGEN DI FOR HIS BOOK
ON JOHN PAUL VANN WHEN DI TOLD HIM MRIV COMMANDER MGEN
NGUYEN VINH NGHI WAS TRYING TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE 9TH
AND BRING HIM TO MRIV HEADQUARTERS AS DEPUTY CG. DE
INDICATED HE WAS AGAINST THEM MOVE BUT COULD DO LITTLE
TO PREVENT IT. A FEW MINUTES LATER, SAID SHEEHAN, THE
PHONE RANG. WHEN DI HUNG UP, HE TOLD SHEEHAN THE CALLER
HAD BEEN NGHI, TELLING HIM THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAD NOT
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AGREED TO HIS TRANSFER.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN A MONTH THAT
PRESIDENT THIEU HAS ALLEGEDLY THWARTED NGHI CONCERNING
A DIVISION COMMANDER CHANGE. THE FIRST OCCURRED WHEN
THIEU REPORTEDLY STOPPED NGHI'S APPOINTMENT OF 44TH
SPECIAL TACTICAL ZONE COMMANDER COL HOANG DUC NINH TO HEAD
THE 21ST DIVISION. POSSIBLY DI'S ATTEMPTED TRANSFER WAS
A MOVE TO CREATE ANOTHER OPENING FOR MINH. NGHI IS REPORTEDLY
CLOSE TO HOANG DUC NHA, PRESIDENTIAL INTIMATE AND NINH'S
BROTHER. SIGNED LEHMANN
UNQUOTE APPLING

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